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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the Congregation  
for the Year 2024

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## **Mission Statement**

*(Where our journey as a congregation is leading us)*

We are God's people, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us is a steward of the unique gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. Through the Grace of God, we will each use our gifts to serve Christ together as Lutherans in this community and in the world:

To glorify and worship God,  
share the good news of Christ,  
and show our love for one another.

## **Our Values**

*(What is most important to us)*

We are a family in Christ,  
on a united journey,  
celebrating life.

## **Our Vision Statement**

*(When the world looks at us, this is how we want to be seen)*

With God as our light, we seek to establish Christ the King Lutheran Church as an outstanding provider of the celebration of Christ's love by expanding Worship, Youth, Outreach, Small Group and Bible Study programs, through communication of our distinct Lutheran Christian beliefs, and recognizing the diverse needs of our growing community.

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***Glorify God - Spread the Word - Love One Another!***

*From the Pastor.....*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13*



Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we look back on 2024, our theme, "Hope Grows Here," has been a powerful reminder of God's enduring faithfulness and love. Together, we have witnessed the transformative power of hope in our lives, our congregation, and our community.

This year, our congregation has embraced hope as a seed planted in faith, nurtured by love, and cultivated through service. I give thanks to God for the ways you have allowed hope to grow here at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Whether through acts of kindness, faithful stewardship, or tireless ministry, your dedication reflects the truth of 1 Corinthians 3:7: *So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*

We have much to celebrate this year. We welcomed many new members who have brought fresh energy and ideas to our congregation. Additionally, we rejoice in the revitalization of our Stephen Ministry, with members currently in training to provide Christ-centered care and support to those in need. Your generous contributions have supported over \$28,000 in local outreach efforts, benefiting impactful ministries such as Family Promise, Whispering Hope Women's Center, Wellspring Living, and Music4CHIEF. Our youth have been shining examples of hope, demonstrating their faith through active involvement in worship, service projects, and leadership roles. Furthermore, our sanctuary continues to be a welcoming place of worship, and we are grateful for the inviting updates to our conference room this year, creating an even more hospitable space for meetings, Bible studies, and fellowship.

As we look to the future, I encourage you to continue planting seeds of hope in your lives and the lives of others. Hope is a gift that grows when shared. Invite your family and friends to worship and serve with us, remembering the words of Galatians 6:9: *Let us not become weary in doing what is right, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank God for each of you. Your faithfulness inspires me daily. Together, let us trust in the God who gives the growth, leaning into the promise of Romans 8:24-25: *For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and may hope continue to grow here in abundance.

In Christ's peace ✝

*Pastor Finley*

***From the Council President.....***

From the Council President

I'd like to start by telling you how much I appreciate each member of our Church Council:

- Mark Zarynoff, Vice President
- Cathy Beard, Secretary
- Ronald Alderman, Financial Officer
- Jamie Baker, Member-at-Large
- George Deardorff, Member-at-Large
- Sara Donovan, Member-at-Large
- Paula Dorough, Member-at-Large
- Kathy Voerg, ex officio member

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mark Zarynoff for his service on our council as the Vice President for the last four years. Your time, "get it done" attitude, and level of detail has served our council and congregation well.

It has been another great year for us as our membership increased and our giving was over 100% of our goal for the third year in a row! It is your generosity and open hearts that allow both to happen!

I have a call to action for each of you, and yes, it is the same as last year . . . please get involved in something at Christ the King Lutheran Church . . . no matter how small or large . . . we have many activities and teams that would love your involvement. If you don't know where to start, please contact me, a fellow council member, our church office, or talk to someone during Fellowship Hour, and we'll try to find something to match your interests and available time.

Thank you for being you.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Koepke  
Council President**

***From the Financial Officer.....***

**2024 in Review**

The congregation approved a balanced budget with total income and expenses projected to be \$616,605. Actual income for 2024 was \$637,379.

General fund giving was 107% of expected contributions. Other income included utility contributions and reimbursements of \$12,570 from other organizations using the facilities and interest of \$14,777. Actual expenses for 2024 totaled \$607,875, or just under 99% of budget.

Significant expenses in 2024 included:

1. Mortgage \$36,033
2. Benevolence \$20,000
3. Capital Reserve Fund \$34,000 – these funds are reserved in case of large repairs

With total income of \$637,379 and expenses of \$607,875, we had a surplus of \$29,504. These surplus funds will be available to rollover to next year.

All funds from Vision 2020 have been expensed and this fund is now closed. This has been an incredibly successful campaign and allowed numerous capital and special projects to be completed. A complete listing of the income and expenditures for Vision 2020 is included with the financial reports at the end of the annual report.

**Looking forward to 2025**

The balanced budget for 2025 estimates income and expenses to be \$656,978. To balance the budget, income projections were supplemented with the following: Surplus funds \$42,523, preschool contribution \$10,000, utilities contribution \$2,000, and interest income \$22,575.

Budgeted expenses have increased about 6.5% over the approved spending plan for 2024 with the recent levels of inflation affecting most all expenses. Items of note in the 2025 budget compared to 2024 plan:

1. Payroll & Benefits – reflects 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and raises based on recommendations from council and personnel committee.
2. Capital Reserve Fund – increased annual transfer to fund to \$40,000 in anticipation of facility repairs, primarily aging HVAC units. Several units were originally purchased in 1994.
3. Mortgage – the monthly mortgage payment is \$3,003 or \$36,033 annually.
4. Stephen Ministry – Funds for training Stephen ministers and leaders for \$3,290.

Once again in 2024, we have been incredibly blessed! Financial contributions have exceeded expectations creating a positive financial outlook. Thank you for your continued dedication and support of Christ the King!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Alderman  
Financial Officer**

## **Church Library**

The Christ the King Church Library currently has 1,039 titles. This is an increase of thirty-two titles over the past year.

Our library collection holdings are available to the congregation via the Christ the King website. Patrons can search by author, title, or Dewey number. We have not been able to find a way to do subject searches. To make it easier to do subject searches in the library we are hoping to add shelf labels this year and do another inventory of our materials. Also, there is a subject classification chart on the wall above the table that may help.

We welcome anyone who would like to write book reviews, and we welcome donations that fit our purpose as a religious library.

We will continue to maintain the “New and Featured” shelf in the library. This top shelf is located at the beginning of our shelving on the left as you enter the library.

The white three-ring binder on the red cart in the library lists our books by author, title, and Dewey or call number classification.

To check out a book, remove the card from the pocket inside the back cover of the book. Write down your name and phone number on the book card and place it in the wooden box on the red cart in the library. We do not have set return dates so patrons can keep the materials for a reasonable time to complete their reading. If a book is needed by someone else or the book has been checked out for a long time, we will put a reminder in the patron’s mailbox. Our goal is for patrons to use and enjoy our materials!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sigrid Myers, Martha Lappe and the CTK Library Committee**

## **Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee provides guidance to the church council and staff related to personnel policies and procedures. The committee meets quarterly or on an “as needed” basis to review staff performance, make compensation recommendations to the council, review and revise policies and job descriptions, aid in searches for open staff positions, and to serve as a forum for staff suggestions and concerns. For the past year, the committee members were Roberta Gally, Steve Helvick, and Scott Younghouse. The committee also includes Pastor J. Patrick Finley and our business manager Kathy Voerg as ex officio members with voting privileges.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Koepke  
Chairperson**

## **Caring Ministry**

The Caring Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church is a volunteer ministry open to all members of the church; both men and women are invited to join this ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to provide meals for the unexpected needs of any family or individual within the congregation and also to provide receptions following a Memorial Service.

The Caring Ministry Roster consists of teams; each team has a lead Caller and one back-up Caller. There are six ministry teams each serving for one month in rotation twice a year. Each monthly team has approximately eight Ministry Members.

**For the unexpected needs of a family or individual:** Activity begins with an initial call to a coordinator from the church office or pastor. Needs are assessed by the coordinator and a call is made to the group lead caller serving for that particular month to coordinate the meal(s) with his/her team.

**Reception following a Memorial Service at Christ the King:** We also provide assistance during funeral receptions for all CTK members when it is held at the church. All Caring Ministry groups help by providing food, desserts and beverages. We are also responsible for setting-up, serving, and clean-up for funeral receptions held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg  
Business Manager**

## **Mutual Ministry**

The Mutual Ministry Committee is a six-member committee appointed jointly by the Council President and the Pastor. Members through December 2024 were Rob Gibbons, Karen Taylor, Jodi Bond and Nels Mahle, Neil Koepke, CTK Council President and Rev. J. Patrick Finley (Council Liaison/Ex Officio).

The committee met on January 15th and April 14th. The committee's role is defined in C13.04.01 of the CTK bylaws.

The committee's goals are to support the pastor, the staff, lay leaders, members and to foster a healthy environment for ministry in the congregation. Discussion items are documented with follow-up as needed.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Gibbons  
Team Leader**



## Evangelism Ministry

The Evangelism Committee works to *Glorify God, Spread the Word, and Love One Another* by encouraging members of Christ the King to invite people into God's family to nurture them in Christ's love and empower them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in their daily lives through the greeting of guests and visitors, and sponsoring those individuals and families wishing to be part of the Christ the King Lutheran Church family.

The Evangelism Committee consists of Mary Koegler, Kathy Voerg, MaryAnn Wojtysiak, Carol Reed, Pastor Finley and Cathy Beard as committee chairperson. The aspiration of the committee is to enhance Evangelism within the community and the congregation. The following was concluded by the committee:

- The committee meets quarterly except during the summer months.
- The committee's focus is broken into three categories: visitor-oriented tasks, new member-oriented tasks, and those tasks specific to the Evangelism Committee itself.
- The sub-committees that fall under the Evangelism umbrella are Sunshine and J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) with the goal of generating overall member support and membership growth.
- Hello Neighbor's, a sub-committee which was led by Cliff Goddard that supported local community schools and our CTK preschool with treats and needed supplies throughout the year, has been dissolved with the resignation of Cliff Goddard. The decision to dissolve was determined after discussion during the August meeting with four votes in favor and zero opposed.
- The J.O.Y. committee with Cathy Beard as main coordinator has undergone realignment. The new format has proven to be successful in allowing event coordinators to plan and execute collaboration with planned events. Successful events for 2024 have included Saint Patrick's (Joni Curtis), Chad Watkins Concert (Jayne Cunningham), and Advent Brunch (Sigrid Myers).
- The Sunshine ministry led by MaryAnn Wojtysiak continues to spread care and support by sending to those within the congregation written communication throughout the year with prayer and birthday cards. Karen Feist, who has been instrumental in the launching of the Sunshine Ministry's written communication has decided to step away from this position. Mary Koegler and Cathy Beard will take on the role going forward. Carol Reed continues to provide crocheted crosses to be included with the written communication. The Committee would like to thank Karen for her dedication and service to this ministry.
- The church received 33 new members by transfer/affirmation, 2 reactivated, 1 adult baptism, and 3 by infant/child baptism in the year 2024. New members attended an orientation where they were provided with a new member booklet and a current list of ministries and contacts. The committee works to provide updated supplies that enhance our welcome/visitor/new member programs.
- The committee secured an advertising opportunity by purchasing an ad in Forsyth County school programs.

- Cathy Beard, with the partnership of Pastor Finley, works to send” Miss You at Worship” notecards throughout the year to those who we have missed seeing during worship.
- Evangelism continues the work to supply permanent name badges for all congregation members.

Evangelism Committee Goals for 2025:

- ✓ Follow-up of new visitors
- ✓ Evolvement of sub-committees J.O.Y. and Sunshine Ministries
- ✓ Growth of new membership and members connection to Christ the King
- ✓ Evaluate and capitalize on Evangelism opportunities to help Spread the Word

**Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Beard  
Evangelism Chairperson**

## **Scrip Committee**

We began selling gift cards on August 31, 2009. In 2024 we were able to sell over \$80,300 worth of gift cards raising our grand total to over \$2.126 million since the program has been initiated. The 2024 sales netted over \$4,000 to be applied to our debt. Since the program started, we have contributed over \$96,000 as a direct payoff towards our mortgage. This does not include the interest that would have been charged on this amount if it was still part of our mortgage.

The Finance Committee and Church Council agreed to implement this program after a survey showed that the average family at CTK spends \$750 a month to purchase groceries, gasoline, clothing, and home improvement items, as well as dining at various local restaurants. If every family used gift cards to make those purchases, we could reduce our debt by approximately \$100,000 per year. We are currently getting less than 10% participation compared to our maximum potential.

Along with our Scrip program, Kroger implemented a community rewards program where all Kroger members could register their account with a local charitable organization. All grocery purchases would earn rewards to their charity which would be paid to their charity at the end of every quarter. This program started in September 2013 and the past year netted CTK approximately \$124. All of these funds will be applied to the debt, just like the gift card sales. Please make sure that you sign up through Kroger, choosing CTK as your charity of choice.

The committee sincerely hopes our members that participate in this program can help us convince others to get on board. We have a large group of volunteers that support this program on a weekly basis and I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Younghouse  
Team Leader**

## **Eucharistic (Shepherding) Ministry**

The Eucharistic Ministry provides the Eucharist to our Homebound members. We made 70 visits to eleven of our homebound members by five volunteer teams of two each. These visits help to keep these members feel connected to the church and feel that they are important to us. They are always so thankful for our visits and seem to look forward to them.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Koegler  
Team Leader**

## **Vision 2020 Committee**

It has been over six years since the initial Vision 2020 campaign. Due to the generosity of our members Vision 2020 has been able to provide funds for numerous projects and ministry programs. Many of these past projects and programs were emulated in past year's annual reports. During 2024 Vision 2020 has continued to provide assets to help numerous CTK ministries, these include:

- Funds for new computers for the Preschool Ministry
- Funds for new water filling stations for the Preschool Ministry
- Funds to provide training and needed supplies for the Stephen Ministry
- Funds were provided to purchase new wireless microphones and sound system upgrades for the Music and Worship Ministry

As of this writing all the Vision 2020 funds have been exhausted and therefore the Vision 2020 committee has been disbanded. Over the six plus years members generosity has provided many needs to the facility and ministries. Thank you to those who have so charitably volunteered to serve on the Vision 2020 Committee and to those in the congregation who have supported this important program of ministry at CTK.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Beard  
Team Leader**

## Worship & Music Ministry

**Worship and Music Ministry consists of the following categories and leaders:**

- Altar Guild.....Amy Barish and Carol Mahle
- Chancel Choir.....Dr. John M. Broman
- Music Minister (Contemporary Service Director).....Chad Watkins
- Soli Deo Gloria Ringers.....Chad Watkins
- Instrumentalist Groups.....Deborah Scarazzo
- Communion Assistants – (currently done by church office staff).....vacant
- Usher Coordinator – 8:30 a.m. service.....Bob Buck
- Usher Coordinator – 11:00 a.m. service.....Mike Myers
- Acolytes (currently done by church office staff).....vacant

### Summary of Responsibilities and Activities

Altar Guild: Carol and Amy are sharing leadership responsibilities which include recruitment, scheduling and training assistants, changing of altar paraments, maintenance of communion ware and the sacristy, and monitoring and ordering supplies. There are currently eight Altar Guild volunteers who perform the weekly preparation for communion and clean up afterwards. An additional volunteer changes the altar paraments.

Chancel Choir: The Christ the King Lutheran Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of Dr. John Broman, consists of 13 singers, four from the Sonlight Praise Band, who rehearse Sunday mornings (10:00 a.m.) and sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The choir presents music to highlight the various seasons of the church year (Advent/Christmas, Lent, Holy Week/Easter) and for various community events like the annual Church Choir Festival. We are always on the prowl to add new members to the mix and require only a willingness to practice and perform with us, coupled with a little singing experience. We look forward to enhancing the worship experience at CTK through our musical offerings.

Contemporary Service Band and Singers: The Sonlight Praise Band is a group of dedicated, talented members of our CTK congregation who lead the music for our 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service. Members meet weekly each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for rehearsals. We are currently looking for substitute singers who could fill in when our lead singers are absent. Substitutes would need to attend the Thursday evening rehearsal before subbing on a Sunday. If you are interested in subbing, please contact the Praise Band Director, Chad Watkins.

Handbell Choir: “Soli Deo Gloria Ringers” enhance the worship services during the months of September through May. Rehearsals begin in August and are held on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The ringers play the prelude for both services on a chosen Sunday each month. Monthly performance dates and rehearsal schedules are given to participating members. Members have the option of choosing which months they participate. We are looking for more enthusiastic volunteers with a love for music that are interested in joining us! If interested, please contact the Handbell Director, Chad Watkins.

Large Group Instrumentalists: This is a mixed generational group of youth and adults. The Large Group Instrumentalist play for 11:00 Worship approximately every 4-5 weeks, January – May and August – December. We have been blessed with the talents of our youth, adults and youth outside the church, to enhance our worship services. This year we have had 5 new instrumentalists join us. The Instrumentalists played for The Villas Assisted Living Center on Dec 15. The Instrumentalist played for Rally Day August 11, Palm Sunday March 24, Easter Sunday March 31, Reformation Sunday October 27, and Christmas Eve December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Deborah Scarazzo has continued to play the liturgy and hymns for the 11:00 Worship service to support the Choir and Congregation as needed.

Communion Assistants: In order to encourage participation of more people in services, we encourage members to assist with the distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. With the increase in attendance, the congregation now needs two communion assistants at the 8:30 a.m. service and four at the 11:00 a.m. service. Both intinction and common cup are offered at both services every Sunday.

Ushers: Two ushers are needed at each service each Sunday. Bob Buck is coordinating the 8:30 a.m. service and Mike Myers is coordinating the ushers for the 11:00 a.m. service. Ushers help to greet people, pass out bulletins, and answer questions both prior and during the services.

## **Stewardship Committee**

### **HOPE GROWS HERE**

**Psalm 71:5 – For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

In January, we again reviewed a number of possible themes for this year's program. The team finally decided to use the theme **Hope Grows Here** for the 2024 program. This message worked well with the different activities within the church, especially with the Outreach team. A logo for the program was developed by Sue Johnson. The bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall was crafted to communicate the message.

Our Spring efforts to highlight volunteerism involved partnering with the Outreach team in organizing a 'rapid response' team that would assist members of the church and community with small projects such as lawn mowing, landscaping, flowers, and gardening that they were not capable of doing. The church will get these requests occasionally and would like to be able to assist. As the program was being organized, the issue of Risk Management appeared to place the church at risk for any insurance claims arising from members hurt or damaging property during a project on someone's property. The church's insurance coverage would be compromised at that point. The program was put on hold.

October was Stewardship month during which members were reminded of the need to share the gifts that have been provided by the Grace of God. Three ministry minutes were conducted to assist members in considering their 2025 financial commitments.

Bulletin inserts were included each week to continue the message. The bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall was updated to include blank paper leaves that members could write a short prayer and post it.

Letters with commitment cards were sent to 201 active member giving units. 117 commitment cards were returned with financial commitments totaling \$ 494,880. Both numbers were an increase from the previous year.

In addition, the committee continued to provide the different messages on Stewardship found in The Voice newsletter.

The Committee members are Cathy Beard, Joni Curtis, Jim Conner, Floyd Koegler, Jack Schlea, Kathy Voerg, Pastor Finley.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Schlea  
Chairperson**

## **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide confidential, high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation who are experiencing life's difficulties. While Stephen Ministry has been a part of Christ the King since 2005, it has been rather dormant for too many years. Pastor Finley's dedicated support and involvement has led to a 'rebirth' of the ministry.

In 2024, three members of our congregation, Sally Campbell, Dawn Finley, and Michele Luthart, have been trained as Stephen Leaders. They are joined by the previously trained leaders – Pastor Finley, Jim and Lu Leeds, and Sigrid Myers.

We are currently training four new Stephen Ministers – Bob Buck, Steve Campbell, Kim Glover, and Randi Rogers. They will complete their training early in 2025. They will join our previously trained ministers – Dixie Banitt, Mike Myers, and Betty Young.

The new ministers are already well versed in the 'basics' of Stephen Ministry and are available to be assigned to care receivers. We've already had two caring relationships underway since the program was 'reborn'. We look forward to being a more significant part of Christ the King in 2025.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Stephen Ministry or feel the need to have a Stephen Minister help you through a difficult time, feel free to contact any of the leaders or Pastor Finley.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Leeds (co-team leader)**

## **Property**

The team has stayed busy this year! Amy Barish (Landscaping) and Don Curtis (Building) led the Property Team of volunteers and got a lot accomplished, their summaries are below. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for always being available when needed to care for our property, inside and out!

**Paula Dorough**  
**Council Member at Large**  
**Property Advocate**

The Landscape group, headed by Amy Barish, held workdays in February, May and September. During these sessions, tasks were accomplished such as pruning shrubs and trees, planting and fertilizing flowers, and weeding. One project involved cutting down and removing a dead tree near the parking lot. Some volunteers come individually at other times to prune, water, weed and maintain the lovely garden beds around the church. This year, the budget was increased in order to replace the mulch around the church and preschool. The budgeted amount fell short of the required amount so individual donors made-up the difference. The new mulch greatly enhanced the appearance of the church surroundings.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Amy Barish**

The Property Team had a very productive year. We began the year with a complete remodel of the two bathrooms in the admin wing. With the help of some team volunteers we were able to get the work done in a timely manner and finish under budget. During this year, there were numerous electrical and plumbing repairs completed throughout the church building and the preschool wing. We have done an evaluation of the 13 AC units and will keep a watchful eye for problems that may occur with the aging units. Pressure washing was done on all concrete surfaces on the whole campus. After we had the building and garage roofs inspected, it was determined that both needed to be replaced. This project was completed in a week with little disruption to the use of the church building and preschool. Lastly, thank you to Tim and Cathy Beard for painting, decorating and furnishing a new table in our conference room. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Don Curtis**  
**Property Team Member**

## CTK Snappers

In early 2024, Mike Myers and George Deardorff had the idea to convene a group of folks who share an interest in photography. The hope was to create a community where members could learn, share and grow together through the exchange of photography related ideas, techniques and insights. The CTK Snappers' initial meeting was held in March 2024. To date we have twelve active participants that meet at 7pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mike Myers will present a discussion on: "Slide Show Video Production"

A review of activities during 2024:

### Agenda Topics

1. Workflow in the editing process using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom Classic
2. Film photography
3. Perspectives in photographing people
4. African Safari travel dialogue and photos
5. Astro photography including a live view of active comets in the sky
6. Birds of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Africa

### Field Trips

1. Gibbs Gardens
2. Cumming County Fair
3. North Georgia Wildlife & Safari Park

### 2025 Potential Agenda Topics and Field Trips

1. Old Car City, White, Georgia
2. Atlanta Zoo
3. Concert photo techniques
4. Indonesia/Australia dialogue and photographs
5. Camels in the Arabian desert dialogue and photographs

Everyone is welcome; you don't need fancy photo equipment to participate. If you are just getting started in photography or are interested in enhancing your photography skills, your cell phone will work just fine. We start each meeting with members sharing one or two photos of interest taken during the previous month.

**Respectfully submitted,  
George Deardorff  
Team Leader**



## Christian Education

### Christian Education for All Ages on Sundays (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

#### Youth & Children (January – May 2024)

- Nursery For infants through 3 years of age. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - led by Katie Reilly.
- Preschool Bible Story & Play – for Children 3 & 4 years old. Bible stories of The Old & New Testament from the curriculum Frolic Preschool by Augsburg Fortress. The class is led by Katie Reilly and meets in the educational building, room # 102
- Elementary Sunday School – for Children K – 3rd grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom – Augsburg publishing, and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Benita Gibbons, Barbara Johnson, Kim Glover, Laura Drew, Cheryl Milejczak. The class meets in the educational building, room # 105
- Pre-Confirmation Class – for students 4th - 6th grade (10-12 yrs. old) The lessons are a study of Old Testament, Advent, and Holy Week, The curriculum is Connect-Augsburg Fortress Publishing. Class is currently led by Laura Drew and Deborah Scarazzo. The class meets the educational building, room # 112
- Confirmation Class – students 6th – 8th grade, - led by Pastor Finley class meets in the educational building.

#### Youth & Children (August – December 2024)

- Nursery For infants through 3 years of age. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - led by Katie Reilly.
- Young Elementary Sunday School – for children K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom – Augsburg Publishing and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Benita Gibbons, Kim Glover, Cheryl Milejczak. The class meets in the educational building, room #105.
- Upper Elementary Sunday School Class – for students 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom – Augsburg Publishing and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Carmen Fischer and Katie Reilly. The class meets in the education building, room #104.
- First Year Confirmation Class – for students 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade The class will study the Ten Commandments and A Lamp Unto My Feet (Old & New Testament) by Sola Publishing. The class is led by Laura Drew and Deborah Scarazzo. The class meets in the educational building, room #112
- High School Sunday Class – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade The class meets weekly with a rotation of discussion topics for high school students such as: Scary & Weird Stories of the Bible, Christian Faith in high school today, Community service projects, high school fellowship events and more! There is no prep work and no homework for the class! Come and enjoy the discussion and fellowship with the high school students at Christ the King. The class is led by John Spencer, Jay Sylvester and Jessica Younhouse. The class meets in the educational building, room #107

## Adult Sunday School (January to December)

- Meets in the Adult Classroom in the education building. Attendance has been between 20 – 30 people.
  - January 7 - Bible Trivia! – led by Robert Anderson
  - January 14 – February 18 – **God Never Gives Up on You!** by Max Lucado – led by Linda Forbes
  - February 28 – March 24 – **He Chose the Nails** by Max Lucado – led by Linda Forbes & Steve Campbell
  - April 7 & 14 – Finish up **God Never Gives Up on You!** by Max Lucado – led by Linda Forbes
  - April 21 & 28 – **An Interview with James** - led by Barbara Conner
  - May 5 & 12 – **The Holy Spirit Creates Community** – led by Pastor Banitt
  - June – July - No Classes -summer break.
  - August 11 – September 22 – **A Study of the Pentateuch – the history of the Torah and interesting historical information of the Old Testament** – led by Linda Forbes
  - September 29 - October 27 **The Daniel Prayer Bible Study Guide & DVD** - led by Robert Anderson
  - November 3 & 10 **What's New in the Old Testament?** - led by Barbara Conner.
  - November 17 & 24 **Prevailing in Prayer The Daniel Prayer Bible Study Guide & DVD** - led by Robert Anderson
  - December 1 – 22 **Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph – DVD Advent Study** by Adam Hamilton - led by Steve Campbell & Robert Anderson

## Additional Education Opportunities

- Christian In Action Bible Study Group Led by Pastor Banitt, they meet on Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. The class discusses the readings for the following Sunday. There are 11-16 attending the class each Tuesday.
- Children's Church For K4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the 11:00 a.m. service. Children's Church material is based on the Gospel reading for Sunday. The materials for Children's Church are a combination of Whirl, Spark, and seasonal Augsburg materials. Children's Bulletins are available at children's church in person and for online worship.
- CTK Preschool chapel Tuesday & Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Preschool chapel materials are based on the Frolic lessons by Augsburg Fortress published for preschool children. Preschool chapel also includes short videos, Bible stories and Christian songs.
- CTK Preschool Christmas Program December 18. The Preschool children sang five Advent/Christmas Songs. The program was well attended by the Preschool parents.
- Vacation Bible School - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God!* We had an awesome Vacation Bible School, Monday -Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. On Thursday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. we had a short closing program by the VBS kids and great lunch. Family and friends were invited to join us. We had 42 students, 10 Youth and about 15 Adult Volunteers. We had an awesome VBS this year.
- Confirmation Students – There were nine students confirmed this year.

## Outreach Opportunities Coordinated by Christian Education

- Family Promise Festival – Saturday April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Youth served hot dogs, popcorn and drinks to the families.
- Backpacks for Children in Need (The Place) - July 22 at 9:30 a.m. – The youth & families stuffed backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need in Forsyth County. We gathered in Cuthbertson Fellowship Hall and stuffed over 30 back packs. This was a great blessing to Sawnee Elementary School and The Place as they provide backpacks to Forsyth County students in-need. We are very grateful for all the donations from the congregation at Christ the King.
- God's Work Our Hands - Sunday September 8 The youth helped stuff bags and deliver snacks. Through the generosity of the congregation and the help of our youth and families at CTK we were able to make 350 large snack bags! The snacks were then delivered to 15 Forsyth Fire Stations, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, and other rescue centers of Forsyth County. Awesome job everyone! All the first responders were very grateful to receive the snacks. This service project was well attended by all ages. Everyone seemed to really enjoy being able to participate as a large group.

## CTK Youth & Children Activities

- February 11 - Snow Day at Lanier Island 1:30 – 4 p.m.– Youth, Children, and families.
- February 11 Fat Sunday -Youth Service Project - help serve and help with children. Children activities included Mardi Gras masks, face painting, crafts and a Mardi Gras parade.
- March 24 – Children K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sing for Palm Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Service
- March 31 - Easter Sunday Youth Pancake Breakfast service Project – 9:30 -10:45 a.m. Youth cooked and served a pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday. A donation basket was placed on the serving table. The donation went to the youth fund for activities and youth service projects.
- March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 10:15 a.m.
- July 28 - Movie Day at AMC at The Avenues in Forsyth. CTK youth, children and families watched the movie, *Inside Out 2*.
- August 11 – Rally Day Celebration. We had a great turn out for the Discipleship classes and for lunch. Thank you to the Adult Sunday School Leaders for a great kickoff. The lunch was wonderful with all the homemade delightful dishes. We had over 100 attend the potluck lunch. The waterslide was enjoyed by 24 children and youth and several parents.
- September 15 – Christmas in September for K5 – 6 grade and youth 7-12 grade to assist in the youth room. Movie and games time with lunch at Christ the King.
- September 21 – 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and families attend Fins Up Water Park at Margaritaville Lake Lanier Island at 11:00 a.m.
- October 20 - Warbington Farms! – Children, youth, and families 12:30 -2:30 p.m. we had about 30 people attend.
- October 26 - Youth Service Project Italian Dinner - Auction - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.- Youth helped with the Silent Auction during the dinner.

- November 3 – Thankful Fellowship with lunch at CTK for students K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the youth room. They created edible crafts of thankfulness, watched a short movie, and had lunch.
- November 17 – Youth Service Project - Shopping for Holiday House gifts 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. with lunch. We purchased toys for children in need in Forsyth County. This program is through The Place in Cumming, GA. We had 9 youth go shopping and 6 parents assist with the shopping.
- December 8 - 11:45 am – 1p.m. Trim the Family Tree - Fellowship Hall children & youth with lunch, Christmas music, Christmas treats, and a snowball fight. (Children made cards during 9:45 class for the CTK Homebound).
- December 8 - Ice Skating Fellowship at 1:30 -3:30 for youth, children and families of CTK at *The Ice* in Cumming. We had 27 ice skate and another 15 attend and cheer on the skaters. Everyone enjoyed some great fellowship.
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Nativity 4:30 p.m. worship service. The children dressed as Nativity characters during the 4:30 worship service and sang the song, *Hear the Good News!* They had practiced during their Sunday School class. They did a great job!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Scarazzo  
Christian Education and Youth Coordinator**

## Outreach

The Outreach Team members for 2024 were Jamie Baker, Dixie Banitt, Tim Beard, Sally Campbell, Steve Campbell, Jim Conner, Donna Dixon, Paula Dorough, Neil Koepke, Lu Leeds, Jim Leeds, Joe Lambert, Carol Mahle, Mike Myers, Randi Rogers, June Wolsin, and Bob Wolsin.

An Outreach brochure is available on the brochure rack in the narthex.

**Ministry of the Month:** Outreach continued the “Ministry of the Month” program during 2024, by advertising in church communications. This program raises awareness in our congregation about local ministries. For 2024, Outreach placed a table in the narthex with descriptive materials about the current ministry of each current month. The ministries were:

January	Music4CHIEF
February	Food for Thought
March	Wellspring Living
April	Family Promise
May	Jesse’s House
June	Team River Runner
July	No Longer Bound
August	Forsyth County Schools
September	Meals by Grace
October	Whispering Hope
November	The Place
December	Angels over Forsyth

In 2024, Christ the King aided those in need through the following:

**Hotline:** Christ the King helps local residents with temporary needs such as power and gas bills, and rental payments. The Hotline was suspended during 2021 due to Covid. The program was inactive for all of 2022 as well. Outreach restarted the program in 2023 led by Joe Lambert. Christ the King responded to two Hotline calls during 2024, for a total of \$126.

**Gift Cards:** This program provides \$25 Walmart gas cards to those in need. The cards cannot be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. The church office provides the cards to people after some internal vetting. During 2024, Christ the King provided four such cards.

**Italian Dinner and Auction:** In October, Outreach held an Italian Dinner along with a silent auction and a live auction at the church as a fund-raiser. The evening included the choice of three Italian entrees, music by Chad, the auctions, and briefings by representatives of the two ministries being sponsored. Thrivent contributed \$250 through their "Action Teams" program. The funds raised, \$8,000, were augmented by a \$2,000 donation. The total, (\$10,000), was divided equally between Music4Chief and Whispering Hope Women's Center.

**Angel Tree:** Through Angels Over Forsyth, a county-wide ministry that supports CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) children through sponsors such as Christ the King receive practical Christmas gifts. In 2024 our congregation gave three clothing gifts each to 70 children. The total value of these gifts was approximately \$5,000. Donations to the Cash Angel Tree totaled \$2,355 which Outreach will use to support the community in 2025.

**Coat Drive:** In November, Christ the King contributed 50 coats to the annual county-wide coat drive conducted by The Place.

**About Face USA:** This local organization provides mental health support programs to veterans that empower them to heal, grow, and thrive. About Face USA helps veterans navigate their paths to fulfilling post-service lives. The focus is on mental health, wellness education and financial stability. Late in 2024, Outreach donated \$500 to About Face USA.

**Angels Over Forsyth:** Angels Over Forsyth is our partner for providing Christmas gifts to needy children. In 2024, Outreach supported this ministry with a \$500 donation.

**Family Promise:** This nationwide ministry supports families that have lost the ability to sufficiently provide for themselves. Christ the King hosted the Family Promise families for the weeks starting on May 26, June 23, June 30, and September 22. During 2024, Christ the King donated \$4,000 to Family Promise of Forsyth County including a \$2,500 donation for two new refrigerators for the new Family Promise day center.

**Food for Thought (FFT):** FFT is a ministry that started in 2011 and provides orange food bags to households that sign up for the program. People are asked to purchase a few extra non-perishable items such as canned fruits and vegetables each time they grocery shop and put those items in the orange bag. Food for Thought volunteers pick up the

filled bags from donor doorsteps every two months and deliver the food to local food banks and soup kitchens. Outreach continues to encourage our church members to join this effort by signing up on the Food for Thought website - [fftpinc.org](http://fftpinc.org).

**Jesse's House:** This is a ministry that supports young ladies who need shelter, rehabilitation, and counseling as they try to re-assimilate into society from broken homes, abuse situations, and homelessness. In the spring of 2024, Christ the King donated all congregation Lenten offerings to Jesse's House. Outreach donated an additional \$267 to round the total donation to an even number. Later in the year Outreach donated an additional \$1,500 to Jesse's House.

**Meals by Grace:** Meals by Grace is a ministry that provides food assistance, hope, and transformation to families in need in Forsyth and Dawson Counties. To do this they bring many volunteers together to feed their neighbors. During 2024, Outreach donated \$1,500 to Meals by Grace.

**Music4CHIEF:** This is a ministry that provides mentoring, music lessons, instruments, summer camp experiences, and marching band fees to students who cannot afford such items. Music4CHIEF was one of the two ministries that Outreach sponsored at the 2024 Italian Dinner & Auction and received a total of \$5,500 during 2024 from Christ the King.

**No Longer Bound:** No Longer Bound's is a long term, faith-based program for men in addiction. Their mission is to rescue addicts from their addictions, regenerate men, and reconcile families. They provide rehabilitation, recovery, medical treatment, and mentoring. During 2024 Outreach donated \$1,000 to No Longer Bound.

**Team River Runner:** Team River Runner (TRR) provides kayaking experiences to veterans returning from active duty with mental and physical injuries sustained while serving us. The kayaking outings provide restorative power to the veterans and, in many cases, shows them that life is worth living and gives them something to look forward to. Outreach donated \$1,500 to TRR in 2024.

**The Place:** In June 2016, Christ the King began providing food items requested by The Place for their pantry for distribution to needy people in the community. The needed items change each month. This program continues and the bins for the food items are in the narthex.

**Wellspring Living:** Since 2001 Wellspring Living has provided comprehensive victim centered recovery services to domestic sex trafficking victims and those at risk (ages 12+). Wellspring's programs include residential and community-based settings in a Christian environment. In the spring a Wellspring representative spoke to congregation members about human trafficking and what Wellspring is doing about it. Outreach donated \$1,500 to Wellspring Living in 2024.

**Whispering Hope Women's Center:** Whispering Hope provides information, education, and hope to women facing untimely pregnancies. Services include limited ultrasounds, and STI testing. Whispering Hope was one of the two ministries that Outreach sponsored at the 2024 Italian Dinner & Auction and received a total of \$5,500 during 2024 from Christ the King.

**Thrivent:** Thrivent continues to support outreach activities at Christ the King through the “Thrivent Action Teams” program. This program augments our events and fund-raisers by providing up to \$250 per event to defray costs.

**2025 Challenges:** The team will be discussing and praying for guidance in selecting ministries to support and other fund-raisers to help provide the support. We always look for opportunities to participate with other agencies to explore solutions to hunger and homelessness in Forsyth County and will continue our efforts to participate in the Forsyth County affiliate of Family Promise. We will also continue to find ways to communicate about human trafficking and support selected agencies working on that issue. Support for veterans returning with mental and physical disabilities remains a prime goal.

**Invitation:** If serving the less fortunate people in our community, (those without adequate shelter, food, and clothing, injured veterans, and human trafficking victims), resonates with you, please come join us in this work commissioned by Jesus himself!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Myers  
Team Leader**

## **Fellowship Team**

The Fellowship Ministry's objective is to provide a warm and inviting hour on Sunday morning, between our two services, to enjoy the company of fellow Christians and welcome visitors and new members.

This year our fellowship team consists of 19 members. Members are Joni & Don Curtis, Sandy & Bob Rose, Sheilia Moss, Karen Torgersen, Ann Howard, Robert Anderson, Sally Campbell, Peachie Cline, Becky Deardorff, Darlene Gordon, Lu Leeds, Sue & John Macisak, Carol Mahle, Sigrid Myers, Betty Young and June Wolsin as Committee Chairperson. These volunteers are dedicated women and men who set up and clean up the fellowship hour each Sunday on a rotating schedule. Thank You!

The Fellowship Ministry has had a busy year. We are excited to have wonderful participation from members at the fellowship hour. I would also like to thank Ann Howard who continues to take our tablecloths home each week to clean. Thank you.

The Fellowship Ministry would like to thank everyone who donates goodies or gives a financial contribution to our free will offering plate each Sunday. Without all this support from our coordinators and the congregation this ministry would not be able to function at this level. THANK YOU.

**Respectfully submitted,  
June Wolsin  
Committee Chairperson**

## **BSA Troop 78 / 5078**

We now have over 250 registered Scouts and volunteers participating across all of our boys and girls units. Our Troops 78 and 5078 including the cub scouts are among one of the most active in North Georgia.

Here are some of the highlights

- 1) Our troops have completed 1,156 service hours across 10 different projects.
- 2) We have gone on over 26 outings/camp outs with some destinations that include:
  - a. Skagway, Alaska
  - b. Cataloochee, North Carolina
  - c. Cades Cove, Tennessee
  - d. Camp Old Indian, South Carolina
  - e. Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
- 3) We had five scouts attend World Jamboree in South Korea.
- 4) We have 5 scouts that have achieved the rank of Eagle during 2024
  - a. Allison Conklin
  - b. Travis Moore
  - c. Rison Dehipitiarachchi
  - d. James Finley
  - e. David Matthews
- 5) In conjunction with the Cumming Optimist Club, we setup and take down over 150 American flags throughout the community during 5 different holidays each year.
- 6) We had 70 scouts & leaders help with the Forsyth haunted house load-in/out which is a non-profit.
- 7) During our popcorn fundraising we raised \$5,764 in popcorn donations, some of which went to soldiers, first responders, doctors and nurses.
- 8) Our scouts are busy, active and a vibrant part of our church and community.

The Scouts are so grateful for all the support received from Christ the King.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Mark Zarynoff**  
**Congregation Liaison**



## **Hospitality Team**

The mission of the Hospitality Ministry is to provide a welcoming environment and food for events or functions requested by the pastor or church council. These events are separate from those covered by Fellowship and Caring Ministries. Hospitality has accountability to the church council and reports through an advocate.

This past year, Hospitality functioned without a team leader. Normally Hospitality would provide receptions for New Members, for the confirmands at Confirmation and other events held throughout the year.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg  
Business Manager**

## **Christ the King Preschool**

The CTK Preschool's mission is to provide a quality educational experience in a warm and loving Christian environment. We strive to create an experience that guides children through various stages of growth all the while respecting each as having their own developmental path.

We understand this is the first opportunity for many children to build social and academic confidence in a structured, learning environment. We focus on a balanced curriculum of age-appropriate lessons and skill building.

Each child is given the opportunity to grow at his or her own pace with praise and encouragement. Currently, the preschool student body represents seven different countries. We pride ourselves on meeting our families where they are. Through our ministry we focus on the specialized needs of each family and approach them with love and respect.

2024-2025 has been one of growing strong leadership and teamwork. We have 89 students enrolled in our program and 15 teachers. We have been able to open a second pre-k classroom. We have partnered with Forsyth Co. Schools Preschool Based Learning Team to assist our children that need additional support services. Therapy takes place for these students on campus to prepare them and their families with a individualized learning plan that will follow them to kindergarten.

We have introduced several extra curriculum functions to our program. Students attend a music and movement class each week. Mother Goose and Amazing Athletes visit our school regularly to help build on our lesson plan themes and further engage the students. High Tech High Touch Stem Academy will visit in April, and this will provide our students a hands-on opportunity to do science experiments and see their results.

This year we implemented an art show fundraiser through In & Out Photo that helped us raise around \$450.00 to go towards our stem academy day. We will also receive 20% of the proceeds at the end of the year for our Fall and Spring photo portraits.

Staff retention has been solid this year with a team that is knowledgeable and hard working.

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will begin the week of January 13th. Our goal is to not only bring new families to our program but also retain the current ones. Classroom needs for the following year will be based on the demand of our registrations received.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Moorman  
Preschool Director**

## **Women's Ministries of the ELCA**

WELCA at Christ the King had a terrific year. The three circles have continued to meet and enjoy the year.

**Lydia Circle:** 2024 has been a productive year for the Lydia Circle. The group continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 at the church. Two new leaders have taken over running the circle, Carol Reed and Denise Yoho. This past year, they made bookmark crosses to give out for various occasions. For the kitchen "shower", washcloths were made and all members of the circle contributed between five and ten items each. The group also made quite a few prayer shawls that were taken to appropriate members of the congregation for comfort. Other finished items were sent to Northside Hospital's Chemo Center, as well as Family Partners in Jasper. Many thanks to Terrie Schiefelbein who has been such an inspirational help and leader for many years. The circle also celebrated an extremely happy occasion – Tess Jackson's 100th birthday.

**Pieces for Christ - Quilting Circle,** led by Cathie Gibbons: Every year this group not only grows in the number of members, but also the number of quilts sent to the ingathering in Lilburn. In 2024, they finished 315 quilts of which 12 were donated to Steve and Sally Campbell for their missionary trip to Honduras. They also donated eight wall-hangings, two table runners, one quilt and one square table to the Cookie Sale, of which five wall-hangings and two table runners were sold. One table square was also donated to the church for their use and one full size quilt was sold at the Cookie Sale in a Silent Auction. The group continues to meet monthly on the second Wednesday and for two four-day retreat/workday every January and July.

**Cookie Sale**, led by Erin Ciccone and Jessica Younghouse: The Cookie Sale continues to be the only fundraising event for WELCA and allows the group to be self-sustaining. The ladies and a few good men of CTK are truly an amazing bunch of bakers. Our 2024 Bake Sale certainly kept our promise of a WELCA Retreat a possibility. This year we had 53 bakers, and even though our total number of cookies for sale this year was reduced from last year (429 this year, 598 last year) we still had an amazing total sale of \$2,934.50. Mention must be made that a large portion of our total was due to the donations from Pieces for Christ Quilters and Sue Johnson for her beautiful handmade card sales. Our total sales will enable us to continue our support of our various Women's circles at CTK as well as other groups at CTK, as well as the 2025 planned retreat. Our next sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025.

**WELCA Retreat** – For the first time in five years, we are planning a WELCA Retreat. Jessica Younghouse has offered to work on the retreat and Sally Campbell and Michele Luthart are already working on the program. The retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025. More information will be available later.

Finally, as part of our **Mission of Service**, we donated \$200 to the CTK Boy Scout Troop, \$150 to the kitchen "shower" and \$1,000 to purchase new tables in the fellowship hall. The biggest hurdle for the WELCA Ministry is a lack of leaders. I am thrilled, however, to announce that we have gained a wonderful addition as Linda Forbes is now our treasurer. Hopefully, with the growing number of new members at CTK, more volunteers will come forward and our ministry can continue and possibly expand.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Susan Hallman**  
**Secretary**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Income Report**  
**January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

**General Fund Income Offering:**

100	General Fund	\$526,147.90
105	General Fund - Loose Change	<u>5,684.10</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$531,832.00</u>

**Other General Fund Income:**

170	Contribution Toward Utilities	12,450.00
185	Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>119.98</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$ 12,569.98</u>

Total General Fund Income **\$544,401.98**

**Special Funds Income:**

701	Caring Team	600.00
704	Kitchen/Hospitality	1,983.10
706	Outreach	12,390.00
707	Capital Reserve Fund	79,185.86
709	Stephen Ministry	20.00
712	Cash Reserve Funds	61,800.00
801	Advent	445.00
807	Lent	2,688.00
808	Pastor/Staff gifts	5,925.00
810	Family Promise	200.00
811	Evangelism	3,167.00
813	Flowers	2,980.70
816	WELCA	4,862.50
826	11 AM Music	600.00
828	Youth Group	5,766.60
834	Vacation Bible School	1,015.00
836	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	15,852.00
842	Hope Fund	13,796.11
903	Debt Reduction	17,509.04
904	Handbells	2,000.00
906	Interest Income	22,575.46
908	Memorials - No Tags	159,508.35
912	Memorials – Tagged	<u>379.49</u>

Total Special Funds Income **\$415,249.21**

**GRAND TOTAL \$959,651.19**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Grimshaw, Financial Secretary**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Budgeted Expenses**  
**January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

<u>Ministry Name</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual Expenditures</u>
Parish Administration	\$ 21,540.00	\$ 21,541.27
Finance	87,676.00	91,995.32
Council	200.00	54.50
Christian Education	6,950.00	6,725.38
Mortgage	36,033.00	36,033.00
Benevolence	20,000.00	20,000.00
Called Staff Pay & Exp	157,198.00	153,810.73
Outreach	9,500.00	9,500.00
Property	47,754.00	44,467.28
Worship & Music	6,100.00	5,390.40
Youth / Youth Learning	2,000.00	1,560.78
Staff Payroll	216,829.00	215,695.27
Hospitality	1,575.00	858.39
Adult Education	200.00	242.92
WELCA	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 616,605.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 607,875.24</u></b>

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.  
Long Term Liabilities as of December 31, 2024**

**Pinnacle Bank  
Mortgage**

Beginning Mortgage Balance January 1, 2024	\$ 395,151.70
Principal Reductions	
With mortgage payment	16,812.12
Directed by Contributor	<u>17,509.04</u>
Total Principal Reduction	34,321.16
Ending Mortgage Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 360,830.54

Origination Date of Current Mortgage: March 23, 2022  
 Terms of Loan: Twenty (20) year loan with a fixed interest rate of 4% for the first ten (10) years; variable interest rate for years 11 – 20.  
 Current Monthly Payment: \$3,002.75  
 Payments: Payments 22 through 33 paid in 2024

**Wells Fargo Leasing  
Copier Leases**

1 Konica Minolta C458 Color Copier (Church machine)  
 Origination Date: February 24, 2022  
 Terms: 48 month lease with a monthly payment of \$145.74 with taxes.  
 Purchase Option: Fair Market Value to be determined at the end of the lease  
 Payments: Payments 23 – 34 paid in 2024

1 Konica Minolta C368 Color Copier (Preschool machine)\*  
 Origination Date: December 5, 2023  
 Terms: 48 month lease with a monthly payment of \$143.00 with taxes.  
 Purchase Option: Fair Market Value to be determined at the end of the lease  
 Payments: Payments 1 – 11 paid in 2024

\*Christ the King Lutheran Preschool of Cumming, Inc. pays the lease for this copier out of preschool funds.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Vision 2020 Appeal**  
**Three year appeal (Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2020)**

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018 **\$ 79,986.25**

**INCOME FOR 2018 to 2024**

Contributions 2018	\$100,886.04
Interest Earned 2018	1,066.32
Contributions 2019	115,461.10
Interest Earned 2019	1,590.16
Contributions 2020	61,597.64
Interest Earned 2020	1023.48
Contributions 2021	1055.00
Interest Earned 2021	183.10
Contributions 2022	700.00
Interest Earned 2022	18.78
Contributions 2023	100.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME 2018-2024</b>	<b>\$283,681.62</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$ 363,667.87</u></b>

**ACTUALLY EXPENSED 2018 TO 2024**

**Pastor package transfer to general fund** \$ 120,000.00

**Capital Improvements**

Parking Lot Repairs	17,583.60
Repave portions of the parking lot	19,000.00
Window repairs for 22 windows (partial)	12,846.00
Painting the Sanctuary	3,250.00
Carpet for carpet for FH	13,210.77
Retention Pond & Tree Removal	18,820.00
Audio/Visual in Fellowship Hall	5,209.90
Paint Exterior/Powerwash	11,425.00
Sanctuary Renovations	59,747.73

**Program Enhancements**

Evangelism "Hello Neighbors" Program	7,200.00
Evangelism Sunshine Ministry	500.00
Orchestra stands and piano repairs	1,387.39
Financial Peace Univ. starter kits	231.00
Storage cabinets for youth room	1,759.44
Augment non-called staff salaries	5,868.00
W & M Livestream Service Upgrades	7,154.35
Open House Aug 2023 Expenses	4,681.20
Preschool furniture and upgrades	14,932.02
Youth room equipment & upgrades	1,505.00
New Name Tags & Holder	3,000.00
New Computers & Equipment	11,785.82
Stephen Min Training & Materials	6,000.00
New tables & tablecloths	1,234.00
Audio in Sanctuary upgraded	8,748.65
Refurbish handbells	3,588.00
Water fountains replaced	3,000.00

**TOTAL Expenses 2018-2024** **\$ 363,667.87**

**Balance in Fund on December 31, 2024** **\$ 0.00**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Voerg, Treasurer

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Special Fund Balances**  
**as of December 31, 2024**

**THE CONGREGATION IS APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF EACH LINE ITEM**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
701 Caring Team	\$ 1,645.52
703 Sunday School Ministries	4,458.18
704 Kitchen/Hospitality	1,272.93
706 Outreach	7,093.94
707 Capital Reserve Fund	20,403.19
708 Scrip Account	10,167.15
709 Stephen Ministry	20.00
710 Projects Fund	251,781.99
712 Cash Reserve Funds	160,207.65
801 Advent	445.00
810 Family Promise	734.32
811 Evangelism	1,287.55
812 Pastor Continuing Education	7,002.20
813 Altar Flowers	715.90
815 Benevolence	25,500.00
816 WELCA	14,542.59
817 Review/Audit Funds	10,100.00
826 11:00 AM Music	3,200.00
828 Youth Group	12,683.87
836 Pastor's Discretionary Fund	17,775.59
842 Hope Fund	579.73
901 Library	1,036.92
902 Choir Festival	153.25
906 Interest	22,575.46
908 Memorials - No Tags	166,683.36
912 Memorials - Tagged	20,549.42
913 Wedding	<u>50.00</u>
 <b>Total Special Funds</b>	 <b><u>\$ 762,665.71</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg, Treasurer



**Membership Summary for 2024**  
**December 31, 2024**

		<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>NON-CONFIRMED</u>
Added:	Baptisms	1	3
	Affirmation	19	5
	Confirmation Class	9	0
	Reinstated	2	0
	New Member Transfers	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>
Removed:	Transfer	2	0
	Inactive	12	1
	Resignation	4	0
	Deceased	13	0
	Confirmation Class	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>

Statistics of past years are listed below:

	<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>12/15</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>12/21</u>	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/23</u>	<u>12/24</u>
Confirmed	129	230	354	465	504	478	371	371	354	342	351
Non-Confirmed	62	70	134	158	153	89	35	36	37	49	47
Associates	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>207</b>